Multiple airports in big cities

*505. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to build more than one airport in big cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such policy has been framed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) The Police on Airport Infrastructure, 1997 provides the requisite guidelines for the development of airport infrastructure in the country.

This policy is being re-aligned in keeping with the fast-changing requirements of the aviation sector. Formal approval of the competent authority for the new guidelines is awaited whereafter these would be notified.

Interlinking of rivers as National Project

*506. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is preventing Government to declare inter-linking of rivers in the country as a National Project;

(b) whether Government would declare any time bound action plan in order to implement the National Project; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to make a provision in the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the funds required for the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: (a) to (c) as per the selection criteria of the National Projects, approved by the Central Government projects for interlinking of rivers can be taken up as National Projects. At present, one Project for inter linking of rivers namely, Ken-Betwa has been included in the list of National Project.

The projects are implemented as per the time schedule mentioned in their approved Detailed Project Reports (DPR).

A provision of Rs. 220 crore has been made in Eleventh plan for preparation of Pre Feasibility Reports (PFRs)/Feasibility Reports (FRs) and DPRs of projects for interlinking of rivers. Further, a provision of Rs. 600 crore has been proposed for implementation of Ken-Betwa link as a National Project during Eleventh Plan.

Permission to Net Jet for operating in India

07. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be d to state: